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1. Statement

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| Novelty (N) | Yes: Claims | 1-57 |
| | No: Claims | |
| Inventive step (IS) | Yes: Claims | 1-57 |
| | No: Claims | |
| Industrial applicability (IA) | Yes: Claims | 1-57 |
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Reference is made to the following documents:

D1: US 3 162 575

D2: JP 54 132237 (see Derwent Abstract)

D3: GB 2 221 392

The document D2 discloses a cockroach attractant which may be used in the form of sticks. The formulation is made of an attractant which contains 35-50% fish meal (or meat powder), 40- 50% wheat flour, 5 to 10% soybean oil cake, 1-3% rice bran, 1-5% yeast. The balance is a mixture of sesame oil cake, base materials including bread powder, pupa powder, soybean flour, starch. The ratio of base to attractant mixture is 5-1:3-1. An insecticide can be added. Since amended claim 1 is limited to solid compositions having a defined penetration hardness and since there is no disclosure in D2 of such a penetration hardness, the objection as to lack of novelty based on D2 is not maintained. Since novelty has not been questioned vis-à-vis each of documents D1 and D3, the subject-matter of claim 1-57 is novel (Article 33(2) PCT).

D1 which is considered as the closest prior art discloses insecticidal stick compositions comprising a base, an insecticide and up to 50% sucrose.

The problem underlying the present invention may be seen as that of providing a solid insecticidal composition that is suitable for and effective when applied to a hard surface. The claimed stick insecticidal composition comprises a base, an insecticide and at least 60 wt% food material, the composition having a penetration hardness of from 0.1 to 5 mm. Thus the solution provided by the present application consists in increasing the hardness of the solid compositions whilst at the same time increasing the level of food material in the compositions. The use of harder compositions makes the sticks easier to handle. Furthermore, the use of higher amounts of food material provides the added benefit of leaving less residual material on the hard surface. Such a solution is not obvious in the light of the teaching of D1 since the stick compositions of D1 are applied to the faces of animals and are primarily targeted at flies and since there is no incentive to prepare

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sticks having a lower penetration hardness than the stick prepared according to D1 which shows an average penetration hardness of 5,59 mm.

The subject-matter of claims 1-57 can therefore be considered as being inventive (Article 33(3) PCT).

The subject-matter of claims 1-57 is considered to be industrially applicable and the present application is therefore considered to satisfy the criterion set forth in Article 33(4) PCT.

CLAIMS

1. A solid stick insecticidal composition comprising a base, an insecticide and at least 60 wt% food material, the composition having a penetration hardness of
5 from 0.1 to 5 mm.
2. An insecticidal composition according to claim 1 comprising at least 65, preferably at least 70 and more preferably at least 75 wt% food material.
- 10 3. An insecticidal composition according to claim 1 or claim 2 comprising up to 99.99 wt% food material.
4. An insecticidal composition according to any preceding claim comprising food material selected from
15 (i) carbohydrates;
(ii) protein/carbohydrate containing;
(iii) fatty or oily materials; and mixtures thereof.
- 20 5. An insecticidal composition according to claim 4, in which the carbohydrates are selected from
(i) honey;
(ii) sugars including monosaccharides and disaccharides;
(iii) polysaccharides and complex carbohydrates including cellulosic materials,
25 pectin and starches; and mixtures thereof.
6. An insecticidal composition according to claim 4 or claim 5, in which the protein/carbohydrate containing materials are selected from:
30 (i) cereal products;
(ii) flour, including soya flour;
(iii) spices;
(iv) vegetable products including dehydrated vegetables;
(v) dried yeast;
35 (vi) egg powder;

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(vii) insect-derived materials including silkworm pupa, eggs and body parts;
and
mixtures thereof.

- 5 7. An insecticidal composition according to any one of claims 4 to 6, in which the
fatty or oily materials are selected from:
- (i) lipids;
 - (ii) essential oils;
 - (iii) fully hydrogenated fatty acids;
 - 10 (iv) vegetable oils;
 - (v) animal-derived fats;
 - (vi) esters;
 - (vii) waxes;
 - (viii) soaps;
 - 15 (ix) phospholipids;
 - (x) glycolipids;
 - (xi) terpenes;
 - (xii) steroids; and
mixtures thereof.
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8. An insecticidal composition according to any preceding claim comprising at
least 10, preferably at least 20 and more preferably at least 30 wt% base
ingredients.
- 25 9. An insecticidal composition according to any preceding claim comprising base
ingredients selected from fatty alcohols, fatty acids, various esters including
lower alkyl esters of fatty acids, castor oil, mineral oils, petroleum jellies,
polyethylene glycols, monoalkanolamides, carnauba wax, candelilla wax,
amorphous hydrocarbon waxes, petroleum-based waxes including
30 microcrystalline waxes, beeswax, paraffin waxes, cocoa butter, hydrogenated
vegetable oils, lanolin, lanolin absorption bases, paraffin oils, lecithin, silicone
waxes, flour, monoglycerides and animal derived-fats including tallow, lard,
suet and duck fat.

10. An insecticidal composition according to any preceding claim comprising one or more dual functionality materials acting as both a food material and a base ingredient.
- 5 11. An insecticidal composition according to claim 10, in which the dual functionality material is selected from hydrogenated palm stearine, tallow, lard, suet, duck fat, monoglycerides, flours and lecithins.
12. An insecticidal composition according to any preceding claim in which the base
10 comprises one or more emulsifying agents.
13. An insecticidal composition according to any preceding claim, in which the insecticide is selected from pyrethroids, neonicotinoids, avermectins, spinosyns, hydramethylnon, fluorinated sulfluoramides, organophosphates, pyrazoles,
15 chlorfenapyr, indoxacarb, borates, benzoylphenyl ureas, carbamates, hydrazones and mixtures thereof.
14. An insecticidal composition according to claim 13, in which the insecticide comprises an organophosphate.
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15. An insecticidal composition according to claim 14, in which the organophosphate is chlorpyrifos.
16. An insecticide according to claim 13, in which the insecticide comprises a
25 pyrazole.
17. An insecticide according to claim 16, in which the pyrazole is fipronil.
18. An insecticide according to claim 13, in which the insecticide comprises an
30 indoxacarb.
19. An insecticidal composition according to any preceding claim comprising insecticide in an amount of from 0.01 to 40 wt%, preferably from 0.01 to 20 wt% and more preferably from 0.01 to 10 wt%.
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20. An insecticidal composition according to any preceding claim comprising an attractant.
21. An insecticidal composition according to claim 20, in which the food material
5 also functions as an attractant.
22. An insecticidal composition according to claim 21, in which soya bean oil is a food material and an attractant.
- 10 23. An insecticidal composition according to claim 21 or claim 22, in which honey is a food material and an attractant.
24. An insecticidal composition according to any one of claims 21 to 23, in which malt extract is a food material and an attractant
- 15 25. An insecticidal composition according to any one of claims 21 to 24, in which maple lactone is a food material and an attractant.
- 20 26. An insecticidal composition according to claim 25, in which maple lactone is present in an amount of from 0.001 to 1 wt%, preferably from 0.005 to 0.5 wt %.
27. An insecticidal composition according to any one of claims 20 to 26 comprising an attractant which does not function as a food material.
- 25 28. An insecticidal composition according to any preceding claim further comprising a preservative.
29. An insecticidal composition according to claim 28, in which the preservative is
30 present in an amount of from 0.0001 to 10 wt%.
30. An insecticidal composition according to claim 28 or claim 29, in which the preservative is selected from sorbic acid and salts thereof, methylparaben, propylparaben and mixtures thereof.
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31. An insecticidal composition according to any preceding claim further comprising an anti-oxidant.
- 5 32. An insecticidal composition according to claim 31, in which the anti-oxidant is present in an amount of from 0.0001 to 10 wt%.
- 10 33. An insecticidal composition according to claim 31 or claim 32, in which the anti-oxidant is selected from TBHQ, butylated hydroxytoluene, butylated hydroxyanisole and mixtures thereof.
34. An insecticidal composition according to any preceding claim further comprising a human taste deterrent
- 15 35. An insecticidal composition according to claim 34, in which the human taste deterrent is present in an amount of from 1 to 200 ppm.
36. An insecticidal composition according to claim 34 or claim 35, in which the human taste deterrent is denatonium benzoate.
- 20 37. An insecticide composition according to any preceding claim further comprising a colorant.
38. An insecticidal composition according to any preceding claim further comprising one or more other components selected from feeding stimulants, and fillers and animal taste deterrents.
- 25 39. An insecticidal composition according to any preceding claim having a penetration hardness of from 0.5 to 5 mm.
- 30 40. An insecticidal composition according to claim 39 having a penetration hardness of from 1 to 5 mm.
41. An insecticidal composition according to any preceding claim 40 having a penetration hardness of from 1 to 4 mm.
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42. An insecticidal composition according to any preceding claim having a melting point of at least 20°C, preferably at least 35°C, more preferably at least 40°C and most preferably at least 45°C.
- 5 43. An insecticidal composition according to any preceding claim having a setting point in the range from 20 to 200°C, preferably from 30 to 70°C and more preferably from 45 to 55°C.
- 10 44. A method for controlling insects in which a solid stick insecticidal composition according to any one of claims 1 to 42 is applied and deposited on to a hard surface to be treated.
- 15 45. A method for controlling insects according to claim 44, in which the insecticidal composition is applied as a line of material by drawing the stick along the surface.
- 20 46. A method for controlling insects according to claim 44, in which the insecticidal composition is applied as a series of spots on the surface.
- 20 47. A method for controlling insects according to claim 44, in which the insecticidal composition is applied as a smear on the surface.
- 25 48. A method for controlling insects according to any one of claims 44 to 47, in which the insects which crawl.
- 25 49. A method for controlling insects according to claim 48, in which the insects are cockroaches.
- 30 50. An insect control product comprising a solid stick insecticidal composition according to any one of claims 1 to 43 and a package.
51. An insect control product according to claim 50 in which the package comprises a protective wrapping.
- 35 52. An insect control product according to claim 51 in which the protective wrapping comprises paper, plastic, fabric, metal foil or laminates.

53. An insect control product according to claim 51 or claim 52, in which the wrapping includes tear lines or points of weakness at intervals along the length of the wrapping thus allowing for progressive removal of circumferential strips of wrapping from the stick.
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54. An insect control product according to claim 50 in which the package comprises an applicator including a bottom, in which is held one end of the stick, and a tubular lid, which partially or fully encloses the insecticidal stick.
- 10 55. An insect control product according to claim 50 in which the package comprises an applicator in which the insecticidal stick is extendable from a casing.
56. An insect control product according to any one of claims 50 to 54 in which the package comprises a label or a label is applied to the package.
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57. Use of an insecticide and a food material in the manufacture a solid stick insecticidal composition according to any one of claims 1 to 43 for application to a hard surface to be treated.